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By deleting all of the language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-11-318, is amended by adding the following new subsections thereto:

- (f) No person shall act as a bounty hunter in the state of Tennessee unless such person is licensed by the department of commerce and insurance.
- (g) The department of commerce and insurance shall issue annual licenses for the privilege of serving as a bounty hunter in Tennessee. A license to serve as a bounty hunter shall expire twelve (12) months from the month of its issuance.
- (h) The department of commerce and insurance shall require persons wishing to obtain a license to practice bounty hunting to complete training pursuant to this section before such persons are issued licenses or pocket cards. A bounty hunter shall attend at least eight (8) hours of training conducted by the Tennessee Association of Professional Bail Agents before being issued a license to practice bounty hunting and shall complete annually at least eight (8) hours of training conducted by the Tennessee Association of Professional Bail Agents before such license is renewed. Such training shall include instruction on nonviolent means of apprehending persons and the law on the apprehension of persons. Such instruction shall also include at least two (2) hours of weapons training. Upon completing the training required by this section, a bounty hunter shall receive a pocket card from the department certifying that such bounty hunter has completed the required training. All training requirements shall be developed and

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funded by the Tennessee Association of Professional Bail Agents. All training courses and programs shall be approved by the commissioner of commerce and insurance.

- (i) Persons applying for a license as a bounty hunter shall:
- (A) Agree to the release of all investigative records about the person from any source, including federal, state and local governments;
- (B) Supply a fingerprint sample for the conduct of a criminal background investigation by the state bureau of investigation. If no disqualifying record is identified, the bureau shall send the fingerprints to the federal bureau of investigation for a national criminal history record check; and
- (C) Furnish a copy of the pocket card issued by the department to the applicant.
- (j) The commissioner shall set reasonable fees for issuance of licenses and pocket cards and for the administration of this section. The fees set by the commissioner shall include all costs for criminal background checks required by this section.
- (k) The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to title 4, chapter 5, to effectuate the provisions of this section. The commissioner shall assign the bounty hunting licensing program to an existing licensing program.

SECTION 2. For the purpose of promulgating rules and regulations, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes it shall take effect January 1, 2003, the public welfare requiring it.

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